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1. EUR/SOV DEPUTY DIRECTOR EDGAR CALLED IN SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY MIKHAIL TREPYKHALIN, JAN. 23, TO ADVISE SOVIETS THAT DEPARTMENT WAS PREPARED TO PERMIT AN INCREASE IN AEROFLOT REPRESENTATION IN THE U.S. TO TEN PERSONS.

2. EDGAR THEN MADE A PROPOSAL TO AID PAN AMERICAN IN OBTAINING SOVIET AGREEMENT TO EXPEDITE VISA ISSUANCE FOR AIRCRAFT MECHANICS AND OTHER TECHNICIANS, AS WELL AS SECURING ENOUGH VISAS FOR CABIN AND COCKPIT CREWS NEEDED IN THE USSR. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NON PAPER HANDED TO
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TREPYKHALIN:

QUOTE PAN AMERICAN HAS ENCOUNTERED SOME DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING VISAS FOR THEIR AIRCRAFT MECHANICS AND OTHER TECHNICIANS PERFORMING MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF AIRCRAFT,

AS WELL AS SECURING ENOUGH VISAS FOR THE CREW MEMBERS NEEDED TO OPERATE THEIR AIRCRAFT IN THE SOVIET UNION.

THE UNITED STATES, THEREFORE, PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENT:

PAN AMERICAN WOULD SUBMIT A LIST OF NAMES OF ALL CREW MEMBERS, FLIGHT SERVICE PERSONNEL AND MECHANICS WHO WOULD BE USED IN AIRCRAFT SERVICES IN THE USSR, ALONG WITH THEIR VISA APPLICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. ONCE THE LIST HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SOVIET SIDE, AND THE PEOPLE ON THE LIST HAVE RECEIVED MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS, NONE OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A VISA APPLICATION FOR EACH VISIT. THEY WOULD HAVE THEIR PASSPORTS CHECKED BY SOVIET AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AGAINST THE MASTER LIST AND WOULD BE AUTHORIZED ENTRY AT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD OR KIEV FOR STAYS OF UP TO THREE WEEKS. NAMES WOULD REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR TWO YEARS AFTER INITIAL APPROVAL OF THE LIST. TRAVEL BEYOND THE PORT OF ENTRY TO THE PHYSICAL LOCATION OF ANY PAN AM AIRCRAFT COULD BE PERFORMED WITHOUT DELAY ON THE BASIS OF A NOTIFICATION AT THE PLACE OF VISA ISSUANCE. TRAVEL BEYOND THE AIRCRAFT'S PHYSICAL LOCATION WOULD BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE RESIDENT STAFF OF PAN AMERICAN.

WE WILL ISSUE A LIKE NUMBER OF VISAS TO INDIVIDUAL AEROFLOT PERSONNEL VALID FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES FOR TWO YEARS WITH AUTHORIZED ENTRY POINTS AT DULLES, NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO. END QUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED LOCAL PAN AM REP OF ABOVE. SISCO

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